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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 018781-006020  
Client Ref. No.: T00-011-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Hui Tian *et al.*

Application No.: 09/837,992

Filed: April 18, 2001

For: SITOSTEROLEMIA  
SUSCEPTIBILITY GENE (SSG):  
COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF  
USE

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8880

Examiner: Christian L. Fronda

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1652

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 13, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.